In the Claims

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently Amended) A pillow, comprising:

a first panel and a second panel coupled together to form a pillow casing defining a cavity;

a fill disposed in the cavity;

the fill providing mechanical resistance to compression; and

the casing providing pneumatic resistance to compression,

wherein the first panel comprises a plurality of yarns defining a plurality of interstitial spaces, the interstitial spaces being dimensioned such that a volume of air exiting the cavity proximate the seam during compression of the pillow is greater than a volume of air passing through the first panel during compression of the pillow.

2. (Original) The pillow of claim 1, wherein the first panel and the second panel are coupled to one another at a seam.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) The pillow of claim 2, wherein the yarns comprise a thermoplastic material.

5. (Original) The pillow of claim 4, wherein the thermoplastic material comprises polyamide.

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6. (Original) The pillow of claim 4, wherein the thermoplastic material comprises polypropylene.

7. (Original) The pillow of claim 2, wherein the second panel comprises a plurality of yarns defining a plurality of interstitial spaces, the interstitial spaces being dimensioned such that a volume of air exiting the cavity proximate the seam during compression of the pillow is greater than a volume of air passing through the second panel during compression of the pillow.

8. (Original) The pillow of claim 1, wherein the casing defines a single cavity.

9. (Original) The pillow of claim 1, wherein the seam comprises an inner line of stitches defining a central portion of the first panel and a central portion of the second panel.

10. (Original) The pillow of claim 9, wherein the central portion of the first panel is free of needle holes.

11. (Original) The pillow of claim 10, wherein the central portion of the second panel is free of needle holes.

12. (Original) The pillow of claim 1, wherein the pneumatic resistance to compression provided by the casing is greater than the mechanical resistance to compression provided by the fill.

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13. (Original) The pillow of claim 1, wherein the fill comprises down.

14. (Original) The pillow of claim 13, wherein the down comprises goose down.

15. (Original) The pillow of claim 14, wherein the goose down comprises down from a species of goose found in Northern Europe.

16. (Original) The pillow of claim 1, wherein the fill comprises one or more fibers.

17. (Currently Amended) The pillow of claim 1, ~~A pillow, comprising:~~

~~a first panel;~~

~~a second panel;~~

~~a cavity defined by the first panel and the second panel;~~

~~a fill disposed in the cavity;~~

~~each panel comprising a plurality of yarns;~~

~~the yarns defining a plurality of interstitial spaces;~~

the interstitial spaces being sufficiently small to preclude the fill from passing therethrough.

18. (Original) The pillow of claim 17, wherein the fill comprises one or more fibers; and

a maximum extent of the interstitial spaces is smaller than a first diameter of the one or more fibers.

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19. (Currently Amended) The pillow of claim 17[[8]], wherein:

each yarn has a second diameter; and

a ratio of the second diameter to the first diameter is smaller than about 5.

20. (Currently Amended) The pillow of claim 1[[7]]9, wherein the ratio of the second diameter to the first diameter is smaller than about 1.

21. (Original) The pillow of claim 17, wherein the fill comprises down; and

the interstitial spaces are dimensioned so as to preclude down from passing therethrough.

22. (Original) The pillow of claim 17, wherein the fill comprises down; and

a maximum extent of the interstitial spaces is smaller than a maximum extent of a spike of a down plumule.

23. (Original) The pillow of claim 17, wherein:

each yarn has a second diameter; and

a ratio of the second diameter to a maximum extent of a spike of a down plumule is smaller than about 3.

24. (Original) The pillow of claim 17, wherein the ratio of the second diameter to a maximum extent of a spike of a down plumule is smaller than about 1.

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25. (Original) The pillow of claim 17, wherein the first panel and the second panel define a single cavity.

26. (Currently Amended) The pillow of claim 1, ~~A pillow, comprising:~~

wherein the ~~a~~ first panel and the ~~a~~ second panel are coupled to one another at a flange, ~~;~~

~~the first panel and the second panel defining a cavity; and~~

the flange extending away from the cavity.

27. (Original) The pillow of claim 26, further including a hanging component fixed to the flange.

28. (Original) The pillow of claim 27, wherein the hanging component comprises a loop.

29. (Original) The pillow of claim 26, wherein the flange comprises a bead.

30. (Original) The pillow of claim 29, wherein the bead defines one or more radiused corners of the pillow.

31. (Original) The pillow of claim 29, wherein the bead comprises a single cord encircling the pillow.

32. (Original) The pillow of claim 29, wherein the bead comprises a wrap disposed about the cord.

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33. (Original) The pillow of claim 32, wherein the wrap comprises a tail that extends between a peripheral portion of the first panel and a peripheral portion of the second panel.

34. (Original) The pillow of claim 26, further comprising an inner row of stitches extending through the flange.

35. (Original) The pillow of claim 34, further comprising an outer row of stitches extending through the flange.

36. (Currently Amended) The pillow of claim 1, further ~~A pillow, the pillow~~ comprising:

~~an outer casing, the outer casing being filled with a fill material; and~~

a component provided at a position along the ~~outer~~ casing for receiving a suspension device.

37. (Original) The pillow of claim 36, wherein the component is a loop.

38. (Original) The pillow of claim 36, wherein the component is elastic.

39. (Currently Amended) The pillow of claim 36, wherein the component is provided at a corner along the ~~outer~~ casing.

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40. (Currently Amended) The pillow of claim 36, wherein the ~~outer~~ casing is manufactured from a fast-drying material.

41. (Currently Amended) The pillow of claim 1, ~~A pillow, the pillow comprising:~~ ~~an outer~~ the casing having a front side and a back side, each of the front and back sides including top, bottom first, and second edges, the front and back sides meeting along the top, bottom, first and second side edges~~, the outer casing being filled with a fill material~~; and

a component provided at a position along the top, bottom, first or second side edge for receiving a suspension device.

42. (Original) The pillow of claim 41, further including a cording providing along the meeting of the top, bottom, first and second side edges of the front and back sides.

43. (Original) The pillow of claim 41, wherein the component is an extension of the cording.

44. (Original) The pillow of claim 41, wherein the component is elastic.

45. (Currently Amended) The pillow of claim 41, wherein the component is provided at a corner of two of the edges of the ~~outer~~ casing.

46. (Currently Amended) The pillow of claim 1, further ~~A pillow cover~~ comprising a pillow cover having:

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a front cloth having a top edge, a bottom edge, a first side edge and a second side edge, the top edge of the front cloth extending to form a front flap;

a back cloth having a top edge, a bottom edge, a first side edge, and a second side edge, the top edge of the back cloth extending to form a back flap;

wherein the front and back cloths are joined along the bottom, first and second side edges, the back flap extending under the front cloth and the front flap overlaying the back flap and extending over the back cloth, and wherein the back and front flaps are joined with the front and back cloths along the first and second edges.

47. (Original) The pillow cover of claim 46, wherein the front flap is configured such that extension of the front flap over the back cloth forms a curved overlay.

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